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## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER, 1962



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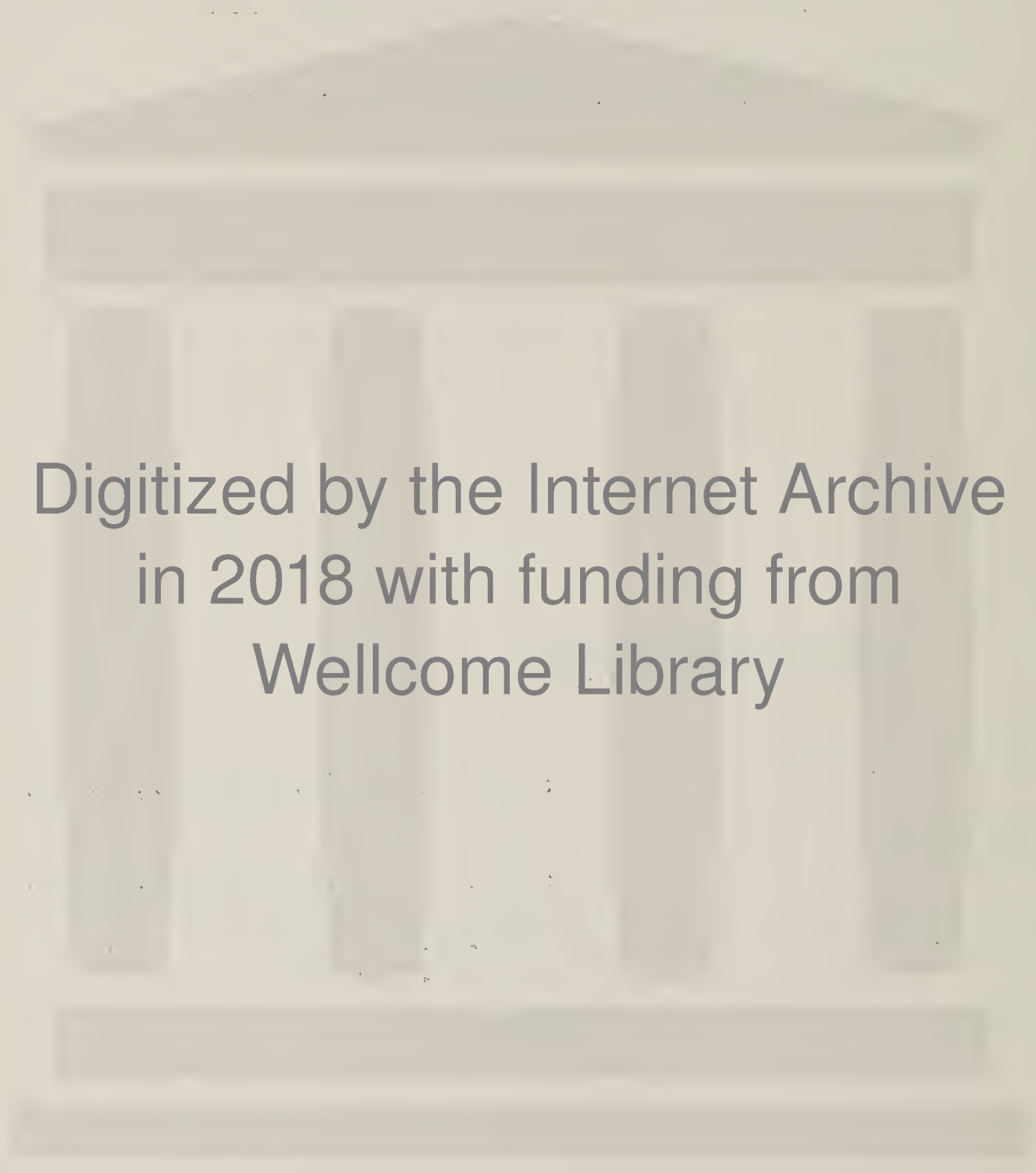
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TO THE  
CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS  
OF THE  
WINCANTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1962.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

The total number of live births during the year was 270. The Standardised Birth Rate was 17.9 - the rate for England and Wales was 18.0.

Deaths

The number of deaths of infants under the age of one year was 7, the Infant Mortality Rate (i.e. deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births) was 25.9. The rate for England and Wales was 20.7. The Perinatal Mortality Rate was 29.4, the rate for England and Wales 30.8.

The Standardised Death Rate of the general population was 10.8 the Death Rate for England and Wales was 11.9. Of the total deaths for all ages, namely 242, 168 occurred in people aged 75 years or over.

Infectious Diseases

The number of infectious diseases notified was 47 as compared with 367 for the year 1961. The decrease was mainly accounted for by the decrease of Measles and Whooping Cough notified, 28 and 1 respectively in 1962 as compared with 268 and 69 in 1961,

Immunization

The total number of children under the age of 5 years who completed a full course of primary immunization against Diphtheria was 227, Whooping Cough 221 and Smallpox 300.

Assuming the number of children born in the year, i.e. 270, is the number requiring immunization, these figures represent 84%, 82% and 111% respectively.

I have pleasure in recording my appreciation of the help and co-operation received from the Council, from the Public Health Committee and from the Members of the Staff.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

P. POWER FOX.

Medical Officer of Health.



## WINCANTON RURAL DISTRICT

### STATISTICS OF THE AREA FOR THE YEAR 1962

Area (in acres)	..	..	..	..	..	..	64,540
Rateable Value	..	..	..	..	..	..	£171,559
Estimated Produce of 1d. rate in the year ending 31.3.63							£660. 0. 0.
No. of inhabited houses (31.3.63)				..	..	..	5,632
Population	..	..	..	..	..	..	16,650

### RAINFALL

The rainfall for the year was 28.71 inches, the average for the previous years' being 34.66.

### VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

The statistics furnished by the Registrar show the number of births and deaths after correction has been made for transfers to the normal place of residence of the individuals concerned. From these figures can be calculated the "crude" birth and death rates. As, however, the highest mortality occurs at the two extremes of life, and industrial areas in general have a bigger proportion of people living in the middle age periods of life, some correction must be made for the irregularities of distribution as regards age and sex, as otherwise the death rate will afford no accurate means of comparing the healthiness of one district with another. This comparability factor is furnished by the Registrar General, and applied to the "crude" birth or death rate, gives a standardised rate and enables comparison to be made with the rate for England and Wales, or with rates of other districts.

Live Births	..	..	..	..	..	..	270
Live Birth Rate	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.2
Stillbirths	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births							14.6
Total Births	..	..	..	..	..	..	274
Infant Deaths	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births					..	..	25.9
" " " " 1,000 legitimate births					..	..	23.2
" " " " 1,000 illegitimate births					..	..	83.3
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (First four weeks) per 1,000 related live births					..	..	18.5
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (First week) per 1,000 related live births					..	..	14.8
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths + deaths during the first week) per 1,000 total live and still births							29.4
Percentage of illegitimate live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	4.4
Maternal Deaths (excluding abortion)	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Maternal Mortality Rate (including abortion) per 1,000 total births					..	..	-

## BIRTHS

### (a) Live Births

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	138	120	258
Illegitimate	...	7	5	12
		<u>145</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>270</u>

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population = 16.2

Standardised Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population = 17.9

Birth Rate for England and Wales = 18.0

### (b) Stillbirths

Legitimate	...	2	2	4
Illegitimate	...	-	-	-
		<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 live and still births = 14.6

" " " for England and Wales = 18.1

## DEATHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total Deaths .. .. .	129	113	242
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population			14.5
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population			10.8
Death Rate for England and Wales			11.9

## MATERNAL MORTALITY

Puerperal Sepsis	...	Nil.
Other Puerperal Causes		Nil.

## BIRTHS

The total number of births was 270, 145 males and 125 females. Of these, 12 were illegitimate, 7 males and 5 females.

## DEATHS

The Standardised Death Rate was 10.8. The Death Rate for England and Wales was 11.9. The following table shows the age and sex incidence, and it will be noted that amongst the males, of the 129 deaths, 117 occurred amongst those 65 years and over, and 83 amongst those 75 years and over. Of the females, out of the total of 113 deaths, 105 were 65 years and over, 85 were 75 years and over.

# AGES AT DEATH

Ages at Death in Years			Males	Females	Total
Under 1	..	..	5	2	7
1	..	..	-	-	-
5	..	..	-	1	1
15.	..	..	1	-	1
25	..	..	-	-	-
45	..	..	6	5	11
65	..	..	25	12	37
Total under 70 years			37	20	57
70	..	..	9	8	17
75	..	..	30	20	50
80	..	..	25	28	53
85	..	..	18	22	40
90	..	..	7	12	19
95	..	..	3	3	6
Total over 70 years			92	93	185
Total over 100 years			-	-	-
Totals			129	113	242

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) .. .. 43  
Deaths from Heart Disease (all ages) .. .. 63  
Deaths from Phthisis (all ages) .. .. 2

The following table shows the cause of death and the sex distributio

Causes of Death				Males	Females
Tuberculosis Respiratory	..	..	..	1	1
Meningococcal infection	..	..	..	1	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	..	..	..	1	-
Malignant neoplasms stomach	..	..	..	2	1
" " lung, bronchus	..	..	..	15	3
" " breast	..	..	..	-	4
" " uterus	..	..	..	-	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	..	..	..	6	11
Diabetes	..	..	..	1	4
Vascular lesions of nervous system	..	..	..	21	33
Coronary disease, angina	..	..	..	27	9
Hypertension with heart disease	..	..	..	1	1
Other heart disease	..	..	..	11	14
Other circulatory disease	..	..	..	5	6
Influenza	..	..	..	1	1
Pneumonia	..	..	..	1	3
Bronchitis	..	..	..	6	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	..	..	..	3	-
Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum	..	..	..	5	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	..	..	..	-	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	..	..	..	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	..	..	..	1	-
Congenital malformations	..	..	..	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	..	..	..	16	8
Motor vehicle accidents	..	..	..	1	-
All other accidents	..	..	..	2	4
Suicide	..	..	..	-	1
				129	113



## INFANTILE MORTALITY

The number of children dying within the first twelve months of life was 7. The rate per 1,000 live births was 25.9 as compared with England and Wales - 21.6.

### CAUSES OF DEATH AND AGE

	Under 24 hours	Under 1 week	1 month or under	Under 1 year
Prematurity ...	1	1	1	1
Atelectasis ...	2	2	2	2
Meningitis ...	-	-	1	2
Haemorrhage ...	1	1	1	1
Cerebral Birth Injury ...	-	-	-	1

## MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no maternal deaths during the year.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table sets out the details of infectious diseases during the year, and also the figures for the previous year.

Disease	Cases Notified	
	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>
Measles .. .. .	28	268
Whooping Cough .. .. .	1	69
Pneumonia .. .. .	11	24
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	-	3
Erysipelas .. .. .	3	1
Meningococcal Infection .. .. .	1	-
Dysentery .. .. .	3	1
Meningitis .. .. .	-	1
Total ..	47	367

## IMMUNIZATION

### Diphtheria and Whooping Cough

The following table shows the number of children who completed a full course of primary immunization during the year 1962.

Children born in the years:-

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1955 - 57</u>	<u>1948 - 52</u>	<u>Total</u>
Diphtheria	99	117	9	2	-	16	2	245
Whooping Cough	96	112	10	3	-	6	1	228

In addition, 220 children in the same age groups received re-inforcement or booster doses against Diphtheria.

Smallpox

Age Groups	<u>Under 1 year</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2 - 4</u>	<u>5 - 14</u>	<u>15 or over</u>	<u>Total</u>
No. of primary Vaccinations	182	39	79	248	205	753

In addition, 1,551 re-vaccinations were carried out.

PoliomyelitisPrimary Course

Children born 1962		Children born 1943 - 61		Young Persons born 1933 - 42		Persons under age of 40 and Priority Groups		<u>Total</u>	
Salk	Oral	Salk	Oral	Salk	Oral	Salk	Oral	Salk	Oral
3	15	72	110	13	9	24	23	82	257

Re-inforcement Doses

No. of persons all groups who received a 3rd injection.	No. of children 5 - 11 years who received a 4th inj.	No. of persons all groups who received a re-inforcing dose of Oral after 2 inj.	No. of children 5 - 12 years who rec'd a dose of Oral vaccine after 3 Salk Injs.
320	48	149	35

Tetanus

Children immunized in 1962 who were born in the years:-

<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1953 - 57</u>	<u>1948 - 52</u>	<u>Total</u>
99	121	11	4	-	19	2	256

TUBERCULOSIS

The number of cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified during the year was 3, non-pulmonary 0. There were 2 deaths recorded as due to Pulmonary Tuberculosis and no deaths due to Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis.

No. of cases notified Pulmonary	..	..	..	3
No. of cases notified Non-pulmonary	..	..	..	1
No. of Deaths Pulmonary	..	..	..	2
No. of Deaths Non-pulmonary	..	..	..	1
Death Rate of Respiratory Tuberculosis per 1,000 pop.				.1

# AGE AND SEX INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS

AGE		NEW CASES				DEATHS			
		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards		1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Total	...	2	1	-	-	-	2	-	-

## HOME HELP SERVICE

The work of the Home Help Service continues to be an essential auxiliary of the Health and Welfare Services, and we go forward with hope and enthusiasm to meet the ever increasing demand.

No. of cases who received help in 1962

### Type of Case

Mental Health	..	..	..	..	..	1
Maternity	..	..	..	..	..	7
Old Age and Infirmary	..	..	..	..	..	83
Chronic Illness	..	..	..	..	..	7
Emergency Illness	..	..	..	..	..	7
Post-operation	..	..	..	..	..	2

Total	..	107
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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

INFANT WELFARE CLINICS

The following table sets out the attendances etc., at the various clinics.

	Castle Cary	Hen- stridge	Milborne Port	Wincan- ton	Bruton	Total
No. of children who attended for the 1st time (under 1 year of age.	11	53	20	27	22	133
No. of children who attended during the year.	47	181	64	54	46	392
Total attendances of children during the year.	267	1,261	302	327	214	2,371
Average attendance of children per session.	11	52	14	12	19	108
Total No. of chil- dren examined by doctor	35	162	-	-	31	228
No. of medical sessions with Medical Officer	12	12	-	-	12	36
Total No. of sessions	23	22	26	26	12	109



# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

To the Chairman and Members of the Wincanton Rural District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my annual report for the year ended 31st December, 1962.

The total number of inspections was 4,734, made up as follows:-

## PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Caravans	...	...	...	...	72
Dangerous Buildings and Demolition sites	...	...	...	...	142
Drainage, Sewers and Sewage Disposal	...	...	...	...	57
Nuisances	...	...	...	...	289
Rodent and other infestations	...	...	...	...	106
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	82
Sanitary Accommodation	...	...	...	...	6

## NEW BUILDINGS

Byelaws and Town Planning	...	...	...	...	1,943
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<u>HOUSING</u>	...	...	...	...	393
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<u>GRANTS</u>	...	...	...	...	481
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<u>FOOD AND DRUGS ACT</u>	...	...	...	...	
Meat Inspection	...	...	...	...	426
Food Premises	...	...	...	...	306
Food Inspection	...	...	...	...	36

<u>PETROLEUM</u>	...	...	...	...	115
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<u>FACTORIES</u>	...	...	...	...	54
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<u>WASTE FOOD ORDER</u>	...	...	...	...	10
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<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	...	...	...	...	216
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4,734

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## WATER SUPPLIES

The water supplies of the area have generally been satisfactory in both quality and quantity.

There are plumbo - solvent properties in the Bruton and Charlton Musgrove supplies. In the latter case the water is passed over magnesite but I doubt the efficiency of this treatment.

The supplies at Bruton, Castle Cary, Milborne Port, Penselwood, Templecombe, Wincanton and the supplementary supply from Sherborne Rural District are chlorinated.

After heavy rain, the supply from Old Lake and Underhill areas at Penselwood contains too much humus to make chlorination entirely satisfactory.

The Babwell supply at Cucklington is not satisfactory and in my opinion should be abandoned.

The result of the samples taken are as follows:-

SUPPLY	RAW WATER				TREATED, AFTER GOING INTO SUPPLY			
	BACTERIOLOGICAL		CHEMICAL		BACTERIOLOGICAL		CHEMICAL	
	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory
Public	6	2	8	-	27	2	-	-
Private	17	8	-	-	3	-	-	-

The following table gives detail, Parish by Parish, of the population served by piped supplies.

POPULATION SERVED BY PIPED WATER SUPPLIES

	Population Census 1951	Total No. of houses	PUBLIC SUPPLIES				PRIVATE SUPPLIES			
			Supplied by pipe:-		Supplied by standpipe:-		Supplied by pipe:-		Estimated	
			No. of houses	Estimated population	No. of houses	Estimated population	No. of houses	Estimated population		
ALFORD	76	23	23	81	-	-	-	-	-	-
ANSFORD	506	174	172	494	-	-	1	3	-	-
BRATTON SEYMOUR	145	36	27	115	-	-	8	28	-	-
BRUHAM	443	127	124	370	-	-	1	3	-	-
BRUTON	1,614	576	567	1,690	-	-	7	21	-	-
CASTLE CARY	1,575	633	626	1,824	-	-	6	18	-	-
CHARLTON HORETHORNE	492	161	148	420	2	5	10	30	-	-
CHARLTON MUSGROVE	359	128	118	366	-	-	5	15	-	-
COMPTON PAUNCEFOOT	173	59	39	85	-	-	20	50	-	-
CORTON DENHAM	222	70	17	53	-	-	49	147	-	-
CUCKLINGTON	219	68	63	176	-	-	3	8	-	-
HENSTRIDGE	1,096	382	376	1,116	1	3	3	9	-	-
HOLTON	209	79	76	225	-	-	1	3	-	-
HORSINGTON	611	164	156	528	-	-	6	20	-	-
LOVINGTON	201	54	54	156	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAPERTON	102	38	33	99	-	-	4	12	-	-
MILBORNE PORT	1,637	577	569	1,560	3	8	2	6	-	-
NORTH BARROW	85	27	27	79	-	-	-	-	-	-
NORTH CADBURY	704	229	189	586	-	-	39	112	-	-
NORTH CHERLTON	157	63	62	157	-	-	-	-	-	-
PENSELWOOD	254	89	81	194	-	-	4	9	-	-
PITCOMBE	344	120	110	500	-	-	6	27	-	-
QUEEN CAMEL	522	180	166	500	-	-	12	36	-	-
SHEPTON MONTAGUE	205	65	53	159	-	-	10	30	-	-
SOUTH BARROW	115	43	43	130	-	-	-	-	-	-
SPARKFORD	397	142	137	405	-	-	4	12	-	-
SOUTH CADBURY	268	93	48	146	-	-	44	127	-	-
STOKE TRISTER	305	103	97	262	-	-	1	3	-	-
TEMPLECOMBE	1,015	340	336	907	4	11	-	-	-	-
WINCANTON	2,537	842	842	2,530	-	-	-	-	-	-

## SEWERAGE

The sewerage scheme for North Cadbury (Contract £23,283) was commenced during the year.

A scheme for Charlton Horethorne has been prepared and was investigated by Mr. R. F. Caple, an Engineering Inspector of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, on the 29th June. As a result some amendments have been suggested and the scheme is being prepared for contract.

A scheme for six Council Houses at Dibben's Row, Charlton Musgrove, is in course of preparation.

The Priority List for new schemes now stands as follows:-

1. Galhampton.	8. Station Road, Ansford,	}	
2. Bayford.	and Clanville.		
3. Sutton Montis.	9. Alford.	)} Equal merit	
4. South Cadbury.	10. Pitcombe.		
5. South Cheriton.	11. Shepton Montague.		
6. Corton Denham.	12. Horsington.		
7. Yenston.			

I regard the most urgent need at present to be in Galhampton, Sutton Montis, Bayford, Yenston and Corton Denham, in that order.

## HOUSING

### Housing - Action under the Housing Acts

1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected .....	173
	(b)	Total number of inspections for the purpose .....	218
2)	(a)	No. of houses (included under 1)(a) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regs. 1925 .....	83
	(b)	No. of inspections for this purpose .....	130
3)		No. of houses in respect of which no action was necessary .....	22
4)		No. of houses found in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation (Sec.16 & 42.) .. ..	20
5)		No. of houses (exclusive of those in 4)) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation (Sec. 9) .....	41

### Informal Action

6)	(a)	No. of defective houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action .....	54
	(b)	No. of houses demolished voluntarily or in consequence of informal action .....	12

### Statutory Action (Housing Act)

7)	(a)	No. of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repair .....	Ni
	(b)	No. of houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:-	
	(i)	By Owner (Sec. 10 to 26) .....	Ni
	(ii)	By the Local Authority in default (Sec.10) .....	Ni



Statutory Action (Public Health Act)

8) (a)	No. of houses in respect of which <sup>formal</sup> notices were served requiring repair .....	1
(b)	No. of houses in which defects were remedied:-	
(i)	By Owner .....	1
(ii)	By Local Authority in default .....	Nil

Housing Act Sec. 16/42

9) (a)	No. of houses in respect of which notices were served under Sec, 16 .....	13
(b)	No. of houses included in Clearance Areas .....	7
(c)	No. of demolition Orders .....	4
(d)	No. of Closing Orders .....	10
(e)	No. of houses demolished following action under 9)(b) & (c) .....	5
(f)	No. of houses closed following action under 9) (d) ..	14
(g)	No. of Undertakings Not to Use accepted .....	Nil
(h)	No. of houses closed as a result of action under 9)(g)	1

Housing Act Sec. 18.

10) (a)	No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made .....	Nil
(b)	No. of houses closed as a result of action under 10)(a)	Nil
(c)	No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which the Closing Orders were determined, the premises having been made fit .....	Nil

Overcrowding

11)(a)	No. of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year .....	2
(i)	No. of families involved .....	2
(ii)	No. of people involved .....	2
(b)	No. of cases reported during the year .....	1
(i)	No. of cases abated during the year .....	1
(ii)	No. of persons involved .....	10
(c)	No. of cases having become overcrowded again, after the Local Authority have taken steps to abate the overcrowding .....	Nil

Slum Clearance Programme

The slum clearance programme initiated in 1955 has been completed. Details are given in the following table:-

(1)	No. of houses considered .....	455
(2)	No. of houses added later .....	48

(3)	No. of houses found repairable . . . . .	112	
(4)	No. of houses found repaired . . . . .	16	
(5)	No. of houses lost b conversion . . . . .	16	
(6)	No. of houses found derelict . . . . .	26	
(7)	No. of houses found occupied b aged persons ..	70	
(8)	No. of houses in respect of which Clearance Orders, Demolition Orders, Closing Orders were made of Undertakings not to use were accepted . . . . .	248	488
(9)	Action pending . . . . .		15

Of the 455 houses considered, 292 were included in the programme submitted to the Minister and 288 of these were dealt with.

In the case of houses occupied by the aged, it is found in most that the tenants greatly prefer to stay where they are rather than be removed to hospital or homes or even to Council Houses. The policy adopted has been to permit them to remain wherever possible but to take action to secure that the unfit houses are not re-occupied.

### New Housing

The following table gives details of the 54 dwellings erected during the year, the figures in brackets being those for 1961.:-

	Council Houses			Total	Private Enterprise
	Bung.SS.6	Bung. SS.8 & 10.	N.P.7.		
Ansford	-	-	-	-	3
Brewham	-	-	-	-	1
Bruton	-	-	-	-	6
Henstridge	-	-	-	-	1
Holton	-	-	-	-	1
Milborne Port	-	-	-	-	2
Pitcombe	-	-	-	-	2
Queen Camel	-	-	-	-	2
South Cadbury	-	-	-	-	1
Sparkford	-	4	-	4	1
Wincanton	16	4	6	26	4
	16	8	6	30 (8)	(24) (30)

There are 64 Council Houses and 32 Private Enterprise Houses under construction at the end of the year.

During the year, the tenants of 12 condemned houses were rehoused in Council Houses.

There remain 54 occupied houses which are subject to Demolition Orders, Closing Orders or Undertakings Not to Use.

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the area.

Improvement Grants

I append tables showing the progress since the beginning of both schemes.

Discretionary Grants -- Number of houses involved:

	Applications					Approved Applications					Resulting in Houses		
	Re- ceived	With- drawn	Refus- ed	Approv- ed	Under con- sider ation	Aban- doned	Com- pleted	Work in hand	Not start- ed	Total	Saved	Gained	Lost
Agricultural Cottages Owner/Occupied Other	127	16	-	106	5	1	95	8	2	106	31	6	5
	71	6	6	59	-	2	56	5	2	59	8	3	5
	59	7	2	50	-	-	40	9	1	50	17	2	13
Position at 31.12.62.	257	29	8	215	5	3	185	22	5	215	56	11	23
Position at 31.12.61.	228	26	6	193	-	3	164	21	-	195	51	9	22
Progress for 1962	29	3	2	22	5	-	21	22	5	-	5	2	1

Standard Grants -- Number of houses involved:

	Applications					Approved Applications				
	Received	Withdrawn	Refused	Approved	Under consideration	Abandoned	Completed	Work in Hand	Not started	Total
Agricultural Cottages Owner/Occupied Other	57	6	1	29	1	2	19	8	-	29
	56	6	3	47	-	4	24	12	7	47
	13	-	-	17	2	-	9	7	1	17
Position at 31.12.62	112	12	4	95	5	6	52	27	8	92
Position at 31.12.61	81	7	3	67	4	3	27	29	3	67
Progress for 1962	31	5	1	25	3	1	24	25	1	25



## Loveable Dwellings - Caravans

There is no serious caravan problem in this district.

The number of single caravan sites however gradually increases and during the year consideration was given to the problem of 'van dwellers, who being unable to obtain licensed sites park their vans elsewhere. It was decided however that there was at present no justification as yet for the Council to provide sites.

## STATUTORY AND INFORMAL ACTION (other than Housing)

### Informal Action

In addition to the 50 Informal Notices outstanding at the beginning of the year 51 have been served. Of the total of 101, 1 has been withdrawn and 38 have been complied with.

The following is a summary of the results obtained:

### Remedied

Drainage Nuisance	...	...	...	9
Dangerous or dilapidated buildings	...	...	...	7
Miscellaneous nuisances	...	...	...	3
Contraventions - Food & Drugs Act	..	..	..	12
- Petroleum Regulations	...	...	...	2
Factories and Workplaces - Unsuitable Sanitary Conveniences				2
Rodent and other infestations	...	...	...	2
Buildings with defective closets	...	...	...	1

### Statutory Action

#### Public Health Acts

Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	14
Statutory Notices complied with	...	...	...	13
Statutory Notices withdrawn	...	...	...	1

The following are the results obtained:

### Remedied

Buildings with defective closets	...	...	...	1
Defective drains	...	...	...	1
Nuisances - Premises	...	...	...	1
Demolition sites cleared	...	...	...	4
Rodent Infestations cleared	...	...	...	6

## HOUSE REFUSE AND SALVAGE

The House Refuse scheme continues to operate by direct labour, two 16/24 cubic yard rear loading vehicles are used.

Weekly collections are made in Ansford, Bruton, Castle Cary, Milbourn Port and Wincanton, involving a population of 7,500. The remainder of the District, with the exception of a few outlying and isolated premises, has a collection each fortnight.

Most of the refuse is disposed of at the Maperton Tip where almost continuous fires give rise to nuisance. The remainder is deposited at the Bowden Tip which also burns.



Closet Accommodation

There were 26 conversions from Earth to Water closets during the year.

Public Conveniences

There are six public conveniences in the District. One each at Bruton, Castle Cary and Milborne Port and three at Wincanton.

FOOD

(1) The number and types of food premises in the District are as follows:-

Hotels and Public Houses	...	...	...	...	54
Grocery Stores (inc. green groceries and village stores)					73
Cafes	...	...	...	...	13
Butcheries	...	...	...	...	16
Confectioneries (inc. sweets, cakes and ice cream)				...	22
Fried Fish and Wet Fish Shops		...	...	...	4
Licensed Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	2
Egg Packing and Poultry Plucking Stations			...	...	2
Dairies	...	...	...	...	7
Canteens	...	...	...	...	7
Bakeries	...	...	...	...	12

(2) The number of Food Promises registered under Sec.16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, is: £100

For the sale of ice cream:

Groceries	...	...	...	...	49
Confectioneries	...	...	...	...	20
Dairies	...	...	...	...	1
Works Canteens	...	...	...	...	1
Cafes	...	...	...	...	11
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					82

Fried Fish shops and cafes registered for fried fish	...	...	...	...	7
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					7

Registered for sausage making - Butcher's shops				12
- Bacon				
Factories				1
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				13
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				£102

( \* Two premises are each registered under two headings)

Number of registered dairies ... .. 10

Number of inspections of registered food premises 306

Food Hygiene Regulations

More attention has been given to food premises but no Statutory action has been found necessary.

Miscellaneous Foods

During the year 1,086 tins and packages of various foodstuffs, weighing approx. 11½ cwts. were condemned. These foods were disposed of by burial at the Refuse Tip.

## PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1961

A problem, likely to increase to one of major importance, is the number of structures which by reason of old age or neglect are becoming seriously detrimental to amenity or even dangerous. Many of these no longer have economic use, and statutory action by the Council is likely to leave ugly gaps in the street facade. In my view the only solution is long term planning, with the Council developing sites abandoned by private enterprise.

### FIRE ESCAPES

More attention has been given to Sections 59 and 60 of the Public Health Act, 1936, as extended by the Public Health Act, 1961, which deals with means of ingress and egress and means of escape in case of fire in certain buildings principally public buildings, schools and hotels. It is intended to survey all these premises as soon as possible.

### PETROLEUM

The appeal to the Home Office referred to in my last report was decided against the appellant.

### NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

One complaint was received but the nuisance ceased before any action was taken.

### SHOPS ACT, 1950

The County Council continued the delegation of their powers under Section 38, sub-section (3), (4) and (5) of the Act, which deal with lighting, facilities for meals and for washing. No contraventions have been found.

### MEAT

A hundred per cent inspection of meat has been maintained, with the results shown in the following table.

	Cattle excl. Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed ... ..	838	1,645	649	2,894	345
Number Inspected .. ...	838	1,645	649	2,894	345
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned ... ..	4	79	56	104	36
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..	82	834	21	605	55
Percentage of the number inspected affected ... ..	10.262	55.501	11.864	24.498	26.376
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned ... ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..	2	2	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected ... ..	0.238	0.121	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration ... ..	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

## BYELAWS AND TOWN PLANNING

### BYELAWS

The following table summarizes the action taken during the year:

In abeyance at 31st December, 1961	...	...	10	
New applications	...	...	300	310
Approved	...	...	268	
Rejected	...	...	26	
Withdrawn	...	...	6	300
In abeyance at 31st December, 1962	...	...	10	

### Infringements

Relating to lack of Notices, etc	...	...	13
Number which also included defects	...	...	2
Defective work corrected	...	...	1
No further action	...	...	1
Plans presented	...	...	6

### TOWN PLANNING

The arrangements for delegation to this Council include the division of applications into three categories by the Area Planning Officer as follows:-

Category "A" These, not appearing to involve a planning principle, are dealt with by the District Council.

Category "B" These, which may involve a planning principle, are also delegated to the District Council, but if the Council disagree with the advice of the Area Planning Officer, the application is referred to a special Sub-Committee.

Category "C" and "D" These are dealt with by the County Council.

The following table gives details of the applications dealt with during the year:

	B/F 1st Jan 1961	New appli- cations	Total	No. approv- ed	No. Ref- used	No. With- drawn	Not yet Cat.	Permit- ted Develop- ment	No Decision
Category "A"	1	47	48	42	1	-	-	-	5
Category "B"	41	172	213	166	14	9	-	-	24
Category "C"	36	109	145	71	48	1	-	-	25
Category "D"	16	25	41	25	-	-	-	-	16
Others	-	59	59	-	-	17	37	5	-
	94	412	506	304	63	27	37	5	70

### Infringements

26 cases were reported during the year.



### RODENT CONTROL

No charge is made for operations at dwellings.

Charges based on the actual cost of operations continue to be made in respect of business and agricultural premises.

The sewers, sewage works and refuse tips are all subject to regular treatment.

The summary of operations is given in the following table:-

	CLASS OF PROPERTY			
	L.A.	D. H's	Business	Agric.
Prevalence of rats and/or mice ..	13	268	14	26
Number infested by:-				
Rats - Major .. .. .	3	-	2	6
- Minor .. . . .	11	250	8	20
Mice - Major .. . . .	-	-	-	-
- Minor .. . . .	-	22	4	-
Number of properties inspected ..	34	696	50	77
Number of properties treated ..	13	268	14	26

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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